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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (December 16-23, 2007)

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[1](#)1. (SBU) This is another in a series of weekly reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website, which documents contacts and clashes with the PKK, as well as casualties incurred.

[1](#)2. (U) During the December 16-23, 2007 reporting period, no GOT security official was killed or injured in clashes. The total number of security force casualties for the year through December 23, 2007 was 139 killed and 216 injured.

[1](#)3. (U) During the same period, no PKK terrorist was reported killed, according to the TGS website. Two PKKers surrendered and three were captured. However, TGS announced in a December 25 statement that between 150-175 terrorists were killed in Turkish Air Force strikes against PKK camps and operation centers in northern Iraq on December 16 and 22. According to TGS sources, more PKKers may have perished in bombing of caves/shelters in northern Iraq during the airstrikes. Nevertheless, according to official TGS website figures, through the end of the third week of December the number of PKK militants killed this year was 284, the number of those captured was 182, and the number of those who surrendered was 81.

[1](#)4. (U) Civilian casualties for the year through December 23, 2007 remain at 27 killed, with another 134 wounded.

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